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- (1) means for driving the plate shuttle to [continuously] cycle the mold plate in ^{said linear} its reciprocal path;
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15 (2) means responsive to a fill-on control signal for commencing forward movement of [one of] the [rams] ~~feed~~ ^{feed} ram device and the feed of a moldable food product to the mold plate cavity ;
- (3) means responsive to a fill-off control signal for terminating forward movement of said [one] feed ram device and the feed of the food product to the mold cavity; and,
- (4) means responsive to a discharge position signal for holding the mold plate for a selectively variable discharge dwell time.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over, respectively, claims 9-14 of U.S. Patent No. 5,730,650 and claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,655,436.

An appropriate Terminal Disclaimer, directed to both of the patents applied in the separate double patenting rejections, is enclosed herewith.

The specification has been amended to correct an obvious omission in the brief description of drawing Fig. 8.

Claim 1 has been amended in two respects. First, the word "continuously" in line 13 has been deleted. This is believed to be an unnecessary limitation because, in the product molding cycle, the mold plate is always stopped in a product discharge position and may be stopped in a fill dwell position. Elimination of the word "continuously" is believed to be necessary to acknowledge that the molding cycle includes dwell periods where there may not be continuous motion. As amended, claim 1 remains patentable over the cited prior art.

The other changes, which are identical in nature, simply change the word "ram" to --feed ram device-- to provide consistency with the latter term as initially appearing in line 2.